

REMARKS

Claims 1-15 are pending in the application. Claims 5, 9 and 10 are objected to.

Claims 1-4, 6-8 and 11-15 are rejected.

The specification and the drawings have been amended to overcome the Examiner's objection thereto. A new Abstract to correct typographical errors is submitted herein.

Claims 1-4, 6, 8, and 15 have been amended to avoid the Examiner's objections thereto.

Claim 8 has been clarified and overcomes the rejection under 35 USC 112.

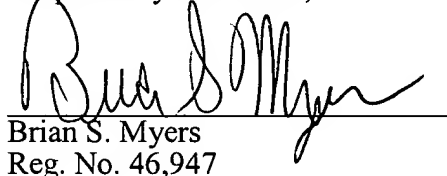
Claims 1 and 11-15 are rejected under 35 USC 103 (a) as being unpatentable over AAPA (Fig. 20). Claims 2-3, 6-8 are rejected under 35 USC 103 as being unpatentable over AAPA in view of Havens (6,735,175).

In response to the outstanding Office Action allowable claim 5 has been canceled and its subject matter has been included in all of independent claims 1, 12, 13, 14, and 15. It is respectfully submitted that claims 1-4 and 6-15 are in condition for allowance.

In view of the remarks set forth above, this application is in condition for allowance which action is respectfully requested. However, if for any reason the Examiner should consider this application not to be in condition for allowance, the Examiner is respectfully requested to telephone the undersigned attorney at the number listed below prior to issuing a further Action.

Any fee due with this paper may be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-1290.

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